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Dear Prof. Lederberg,

Gus Nossal just passed through Boston on his way to Paris. In mentioning to him that I hoped to secure a position in California in 1963, he suggested that I contact you about a possible position in your department.

Since receiving my Ph. D. with Prof. Coons in 1960, I have spent almost two years in Dr. Luigi Gorini's laboratory studying repression in the arginine biosynthetic sequence of E. coli. This summer, I will be moving to MIT to spend a year with Prof. Luria, again studying control, but this time worrying more about the operator than the repressor. I pursued this line of research in postdoctoral study because I wanted to learn some genetics, believing that an understanding of antibody formation will only result as the genetics and epigenetics of the antibody-producing cell and its progenitors become known.

I wonder whether your most recent thoughts on antibody formation are to be published? In particular, would you revise postulates A6, A7, and A8 of your original formulation?

I would be glad to furnish any further information about myself that you might find useful.

Sincerely yours,

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